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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/171049

: Group Art Unit 1771

Filed: October 12, 1998

: Examiner: C. Pratt

For: ABSORBENT MATERIALS HAVING  
IMPROVED STRUCTURAL  
STABILITY IN DRY AND WET  
STATES AND MAKING METHODS  
THEREFORE

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 TO**  
**FINAL OFFICIAL ACTION DATED 11/15/00**

The Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 15, 2000, Applicants hereby submit the following Response.

**In the Claims**

Please cancel claims 20-38 drawn to an invention nonelected with traverse in Paper No. 6. Cancellation of these claims was inadvertently omitted at the time of election.

Please amend claims 1 and 17 as follows:

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1. (Amended) An absorbent material comprising:
- (a) absorbent gelling particles comprising a water-insoluble absorbent hydrogel forming polymer;
  - (b) a polycationic polymer;
  - (c) from about 1 % to about 10% of glue microfibers selected from the group consisting of:
    - i) tackifier modified polymers,
    - ii) pressure sensitive adhesives, and
    - iii) mixtures thereof;
  - (d) a carrier layer;
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